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**PHOTO RELEASE: Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito Honor
50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Death**



Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, members of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, the Black

Advisory Commission, the Latino Advisory Commission and other members of the Legislature gathered on the front steps of the State House to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined members of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, the Black Advisory Commission, the Latino Advisory Commission and other members of the Legislature to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honor his legacy by lowering the United States and Commonwealth of Massachusetts flags to half-staff at the Massachusetts State House. The Governor ordered the flags to be lowered at all state buildings on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from sunrise to sunset.

“We are immensely proud to honor the life of a man whose activism and leadership transformed the country,” **said Governor Baker**. “Dr. King spent some formative years here in Boston, and his heroism and bravery left a legacy that continues to inspire leaders today.”

“Fifty years ago today, the world lost one of the most articulate and impactful voices in the fight to end racism,” **said Lt. Governor Polito**. “While he was taken from this world too soon, Dr. King’s legacy lives on to make our country a better place.”

“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the advancement of people of color and families in poverty. He challenged the status quo by leading marches from Selma to Montgomery and mobilizing activists across the nation,” **said Representative Frank Moran, Chairman of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus**. “Today, let us reflect with gratitude on the progress he helped make possible and his passionate civil rights work, which ultimately cost him his life.”

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